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A virus contained in and spread by a macro language program that supplements a word processed document or spread sheet. These are by far the most common type of viruses now, and they can easily be spread in attachments to e-mail. Never open an e-mail attachment without running anti-virus software first. If you need recommendations for good anti-virus software, ask in the Navigating the Net Message Board

MAE

Metropolitan Area Exchange or Metropolitan Area Ethernet. A major Internet Network Access Point (NAP) where different providers and networks hand off traffic to each other. The two main MAEs in the United States are MAE East in Washington, DC and MAE West in Silicon Valley.

mailbomb

Flood a single e-mail address with a high volume of mail. Used to retaliate against an individual or organization that has bothered the sender(s) in some way. Please note that the practice violates all ISP user agreements and wastes bandwidth and resources. Its effects go far beyond the annoyance to the addressee. Don't try it!

majordomo

One of the common types of E-mail discussion lists. See our E-Mailing Discussion List FAQ and our Guide to Subscribing, Unsubscribing, and Searching Mailing Lists.

MAPI

Acronym for Message Application Programming Interface. A standard Windows interface for messaging that enables different mail programs and other mail-aware applications like word processors and spreadsheets to exchange messages and attachments with each other.

MBps

Abbreviation for megabytes per second.

Mbps

Abbreviation for megabits per second.

mega

Prefix meaning one million (10^6) or in computer usage, the similar value 1,048,576 (2^{20}). See Number Prefix Table.

meta

A prefix meaning "information about".

metadata

Information about data, or more specifically, the descriptive

information provided in meta tags in an HTML or XML document header about that document.

Active efforts are ongoing to propose standards for machine and human readable metadata to be used with web resources to aid in resource discovery. See Dublin Core and RDF. See also the Instructional Management Systems Project (IMS) Meta-Data pages.

metafile

A graphics format that combines the features of bitmap and vector graphics. Common types of metafile formats are CGM, Corel Draw CDR files, encapsulated Postscript EPS files, Adobe Illustrator, Word Perfect Graphics WPG files, PICT, and RTF.

meta tag

In HTML or XML, a tag used in the header of a page to provide information about the page. There may be multiple meta tags in a header, each with different information. In current usage, each tag includes the name of the information and the content that supports that name. As an example, here is an author meta tag:

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<meta name="author" content="Walt Howe">
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Other commonly used meta tag names are description, keywords, date, and copyright. See the article Promoting Your Web Pages.

MIDI

Musical Instrument Digital Interface. See the Audio Guide and the File Extension Guide for more information.

millenium bug

The set of problems occurring on January 1, 2000 and other related dates caused by shortsighted programming that coded the years with only 2 digits. Ambiguity arises in the year 2000 as to whether 00 represents the year 1900 or the year 2000, and calculations based on it may fail or produce incorrect results. It can affect software, hardware, operating systems, and devices with embedded software. Another common programming error is failing to account for the year 2000 as a leap year (by the 400 year rule).

MIME

Acronym for Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions. The standard for attaching binary files to Internet mail messages. Its usage has been extended to identifying and handling file types encountered by web servers and browsers. Binary types